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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 22, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: O God, You are the source of all that exists. In You there is no falsehood. Make us realistic in our faith. Free us from illusions about ourselves and our world of importance. Help Congress, by our prayer today, to build consistent priorities for the Nation and legislate justice which will lead to peace.

Open our eyes to see the wonders of the world around us. Open our hearts to the wonders of our brothers and sisters who work with us. Together, enable us to read the signs of the times and respond with prudence according to Your wisdom and provident love, both now and forever.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PENCE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### AUDREY SMITH CAMPBELL

(Mr. WEINER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WEINER. My colleagues, several months ago the Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation Center in the West Bronx unilaterally decided to stop making payments to the health care fund for its employees. Before some of my colleagues tsk-tsk, "Well, that's just the free market at work," as the Daily News and their award-winning columnist, Errol Lewis, pointed out, this center has made \$5.2 million in profits last year, and its CEO, Helen Sieger, made \$700,000 in her salary, all of it paid for by Medicaid funds, our tax dollars.

Well, Audrey Smith Campbell and 220 of her colleagues decided they weren't going to take it, they were going to go on strike. Audrey Smith Campbell was not a union activist or an ideologue, she was, for 30 years, a certified nurse assistant caring for her parents and her grandparents, giving them dignity in their most vulnerable moments.

She knew she wasn't ever going to get paid what she's worth, but she wanted to be paid at least enough to live on. Well, Audrey Smith Campbell

is dead. She died after having a severe asthma attack because she couldn't afford to pay for her medication when she was on strike. She should be honored for the way she lived, and we should all be ashamed for the reason she died.

### HONORING MARVIN BELKIN

(Mrs. SCHMIDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and celebration of the 60th anniversary of Israel's founding and pay tribute to a man who contributed greatly to the freedom and democracy enjoyed both by Israel and the United States.

Marvin Belkin enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 18 to fight in World War II, and by the age of 19 he was a bomber captain. Ultimately, he flew 51 combat missions over the South Pacific until his plane was shot down on New Year's Day in 1945, when he was subsequently taken prisoner. He was a prisoner of war until August of 1945 when the hostilities with Japan ended.

In 1947, Marvin answered the call again and volunteered to travel to Palestine to help support the formation of the State of Israel. In Palestine, Marvin worked to establish the ground school of the Israeli Air Force. He remained in Israel through the War of Independence, playing an active role in training the new Israeli Air Force pilots. Upon returning to the United States in 1949, Marvin was again called back into military service as an instructor during the Korean War.

Marvin Belkin's commitment to Israel and the United States is symbolic of the relationship shared by our two nations and his service should be commended, for without it, we may not be here today to celebrate Israel's independence.

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